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Plaintiff designates Bronx County as the place of trial.

The basis of venue is: Plaintiffs residence

Plaintiff resides at: 2311 Southern Blvd Bronx, NY 10460

County of Bronx.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

BRANDON ANTHONY GONZALEZ,

-against-

METROPOLITAN FOODS INC AND JOHN DOE, fictitious name as true name is unknown to the plaintiff at this time.

Defendants.

Plaintiff.

To the above named Defendants:

You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the state, or, within 30 on the Plaintiff's attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated:

Brooklyn, New York September 2, 2021

> AKIVA OFSHTEIN, ESQ OFSHTEIN LAW FIRM, P. C.

Attorneys for Plaintiff(s)

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX BRANDON ANTHONY GONZALEZ,

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VERIFIED COMPLAINT

Plaintiff,

-against-

METROPOLITAN FOODS INC AND JOHN DOE, fictitious name as true name is unknown to the plaintiff at this time,

Defendants.

Plaintiff, BRANDON ANTHONY GONZALEZ, by his attorneys, OFSHTEIN LAW FIRM, P. C., complaining of the Defendants, METROPOLITAN FOODS INC and JOHN DOE, fictitious name as true name is unknown to the plaintiff at this time, respectfully alleges, upon information and belief:

- At all times herein mentioned, Plaintiff, BRANDON ANTHONY GONZALEZ, was 1. and still is a resident of the County of Bronx, City and State of New York.
- At all times herein mentioned, Defendant, JOHN DOE, was and still is a resident of 2. the County of Unknown, City and State of Unknown.
- At all times herein mentioned, Defendant, METROPOLITAN FOODS INC was 3. and still is a domestic corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New Jersey, with a principal office in Passaic County.
- At all times herein mentioned, Defendant, METROPOLITAN FOODS INC was 4. and still is a professional corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws

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of the State of New Jersey, with a principal office in Passaic County.

- 5. At all times herein mentioned, Defendant, METROPOLITAN FOODS INC was and still is a duly authorized foreign corporation doing business in the State of New York.
- 6. At all times herein mentioned, Defendant, METROPOLITAN FOODS INC was and still is a duly authorized foreign corporation transacting business in the State of New York.
- At all times herein mentioned, Defendant, METROPOLITAN FOODS INC does 7. and/or solicits business within the State of New York.
- 8. At all times herein mentioned, Defendant, METROPOLITAN FOODS INC derives substantial revenue from goods used or consumed or services rendered in the State of New York.
- At all times herein mentioned, Defendant, METROPOLITAN FOODS INC 9. expected or reasonably should have expected its acts and business activities to have consequences within the State of New York
- At all times herein mentioned, Defendant, METROPOLITAN FOODS INC 10. derives substantial revenues from interstate or international commerce.
- , At all times herein mentioned, Defendant, METROPOLITAN FOODS INC was 11. and still is a domestic limited liability company duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New York.
- At all times herein mentioned, Defendant, METROPOLITAN FOODS INC was 12. and still is a duly authorized foreign limited liability company duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New York.

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- At all times herein mentioned, Defendant, METROPOLITAN FOODS INC was and still is a duly organized general partnership existing and doing business under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New York.
- 14. At all times herein mentioned, Defendant, METROPOLITAN FOODS INC was and still is a duly organized limited partnership existing and doing business under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New York.
- 15. At all times herein mentioned, Defendant, METROPOLITAN FOODS INC was and still a duly organized proprietorship existing and doing business under the laws of the State of New York.
- That on March 22, 2021, Defendant, METROPOLITAN FOODS INC was the registered owner of a certain, motor vehicle bearing State of New Jersey registration number At451A.
- 17. That on March 22, 2021, Defendant, METROPOLITAN FOODS INC, was the lessor of a certain, motor vehicle bearing State of New Jersey registration number At451A.
- 18. That on March 22, 2021, Defendant, METROPOLITAN FOODS INC, was the lessee of a certain, motor vehicle bearing State of New Jersey registration number At451A.
- 19. That on March 22, 2021, Defendant, JOHN DOE, was the operator of a certain, motor vehicle bearing State of New Jersey registration number At451A.
- That on March 22, 2021, Defendant, JOHN DOE, was controlling the certain, motor vehicle bearing State of New Jersey registration number At451A.

That on March 22, 2021, Defendant, JOHN DOE, was controlling the certain, 21. motor vehicle bearing State of New Jersey registration number At451A.

- That on March 22, 2021, Defendant, JOHN DOE, was operating and controlling 22. the certain, motor vehicle bearing State of New Jersey registration number At451A, on Jerome Avenue, Bronx, New York.
- That on March 22, 2021, Defendant, JOHN DOE, was operating and controlling 23. the certain, motor vehicle bearing State of New York registration number T726232C, within the scope of his employment.
- 24. At the aforesaid date and place, Plaintiff, BRANDON ANTHONY GONZALEZ, was lawfully operating a 2013 BMW, motor vehicle bearing State of New Jersey temporary registration number, when defendants' motor vehicle forcibly, without warning struck the plaintiff's vehicle at the aforementioned location.
- 25. That as a result of the aforesaid contact, Plaintiff, BRANDON ANTHONY GONZALEZ, was injured.
- 26. That the aforesaid occurrence was caused wholly and solely by reason of the negligence of the Defendants without any fault or negligence on the part of the Plaintiff contributing thereto.
- That Defendants were negligent, careless and reckless in the ownership, operation, 27. management, maintenance, supervision, use and control of the aforesaid vehicle and the Defendants was otherwise negligent, careless and reckless under the circumstances then and there prevailing.
- 28. That by reason of the foregoing, Plaintiff, BRANDON ANTHONY GONZALEZ. sustained severe and permanent personal injuries and was otherwise damaged.

That Plaintiff, BRANDON ANTHONY GONZALEZ, sustained serious injuries as 29. defined by §\$102(d) of the Insurance Law of the State of New York.

- That Plaintiff, BRANDON ANTHONY GONZALEZ, sustained serious injuries and 30. economic loss greater than basic economic loss as defined by §5104 of the Insurance Law of the State of New York.
- That Plaintiff, BRANDON ANTHONY GONZALEZ, is not seeking to recover any 31. damages for which Plaintiff has been reimbursed by no-fault insurance and/or for which no-fault insurance is obligated to reimburse Plaintiff. Plaintiff is seeking to recover only those damages not recoverable through no-fault insurance under the facts and circumstances in this action.
 - 32. That this action falls within one or more of the exceptions set forth in CPLR §1602.
- That by reason of the foregoing, Plaintiff, BRANDON ANTHONY GONZALEZ, has 33. been damaged in a sum which exceeds the jurisdictional limits of all lower courts which would otherwise have jurisdiction.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, BRANDON ANTHONY GONZALEZ, demands judgment against the Defendants, METROPOLITAN FOODS INC and JOHN DOE, in a sum exceeding the jurisdictional limits of all lower courts which would otherwise have jurisdiction, together with the costs and disbursements of this action.

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ATTORNEY VERIFICATION

The undersigned, an attorney admitted to practice in the Courts of New York

State, states that I am the attorney of record for the Plaintiff, BRANDON ANTHONY

GONZALEZ, in the within action; I have read the foregoing, VERIFIED SUMMONS AND

COMPLAINT, and know the contents thereof; the same is true to my own knowledge, except as to the matters stated to be alleged on information and belief, and as to those matters I believe same to be true. This verification is made by affirmant because the above-named plaintiff is not within and/or does not maintain a principle place of business in the County of Kings, wherein this office is located. The grounds of belief as to all matters not stated upon personal knowledge are information contained in the office file, investigation and/or conversations with the above-named plaintiff.

I affirm the foregoing statement is true, under the penalty of perjury.

Dated: Brooklyn, New York September 3, 2021

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Defendants,
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NYCRR 130-1.1, the undersigned, an attorney duly admitted to practice law before the Court of rk, certifies that, upon information and belief and reasonable inquiry, the contention contained in to document are not frivolous.
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